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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.121 dated December 16, 2008 (Part of Paper No. 200812), for which a response is due on January 16, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.